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## **EPA Announces Additional Public Listening Sessions on Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan**

**WASHINGTON** (December 6, 2017) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold three additional public listening sessions on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan in San Francisco, Calif., Gillette, Wyo. and Kansas City, Mo.

“Due to the overwhelming response to our West Virginia hearing, we are announcing additional opportunities for the public to voice their views to the Agency,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

Public listening sessions will be on EPA’s proposed repeal of the Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (commonly known as the Clean Power Plan). Dates and specific locations will be released in coming weeks; please see the website for details. All persons wanting to speak are encouraged to register in advance.

“The Trump administration is listening to the people of Wyoming,” **said U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW).** “Today’s announcement that the EPA will hold a listening session in Gillette, on the impacts of the so-called ‘Clean Power Plan,’ demonstrates the administration’s commitment to hear directly from the people who would have been hurt most by this punishing regulation. The Clean Power Plan would have meant lost jobs for energy workers in Gillette and across Wyoming. I am thankful to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his leadership on this important issue.”

Registration information will be posted at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/electric-utility-generating-units-repealing-clean-power-plan>

Oral comments and supporting information presented at each session will be included in the docket for this proceeding.

Written comments about EPA’s proposal must be received by the last day of the comment period, January 16, 2018. Comments should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355 and may be submitted by one of the methods listed on the Clean Power Plan Proposed Repeal: How to Comment web page.

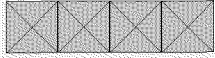
### **Background:**

Soon after the previous Administration issued the Clean Power Plan in 2015, 150 entities including 27 states, 24 trade associations, 37 rural electric co-ops, and three labor unions challenged the CPP, highlighting a range of legal and technical concerns. A few months later, the United States Supreme Court stayed the CPP, immediately halting implementation—the first time the Supreme Court had ever issued a stay to block the enforcement of a regulation.

On March 28, 2017, Administrator Pruitt signed a notice indicating the EPA’s intent to review the

Clean Power Plan, in accord with the President's Energy Independence Executive Order. On October 16, the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan, proposing that it is not consistent with the Clean Air Act. EPA is now taking comment on that proposal and has extended the public comment period to January 16, 2018.

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## **Pruitt Brings State Action Tour To Iowa And Kentucky**

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**The Cedar Rapids Gazette reports that Administrator Pruitt wants to use our natural resources.** "The new head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told an Iowa crowd Friday he will work with states when crafting environmental rules, and he criticized the Obama administration for doing the reverse. 'What's important for us in Washington, D.C., to do is to learn and partner and work with folks at the state level to achieve good outcomes together. That just simply has not happened for a number of years,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, during a stop in Nevada. Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general, also said the United States should use the natural resources it has, not 'put up fences' around them."

**The Des Moines Register reports Pruitt called farmers the first 'conservationists, environmentalists.'** "Pruitt said the country needed to discuss what 'true environmentalism' means: 'We have been blessed with a bounty of natural resources. And some view that as 'We should simply not use them' — that we should put up fences and not use our natural resources. 'I don't buy that. We, as a country, have an obligation to feed the world and power the world,' he said, getting applause. 'When you have the natural resources like we do, we should use them to benefit our neighbors, our country and world.'"

**The Quad-City Times reports that EPA is studying if E15 can be approved for year-round sale.** "Pruitt, during his remarks at the Friday afternoon event near Nevada, said his agency is studying whether it has the legal standing to approve E15 for year-round sale. He said if it is determined the agency can do so without Congressional approval, it will make E15 available year-round. If not, Pruitt said he would make a recommendation to Congress to change the law."

**In Kentucky, WHAS-TV in Louisville reports that next year, Pruitt will have changes to Obama's WOTUS.** "The head of the United States Environmental Protection Agency was in Louisville Thursday with a promise of change to one of the most controversial environmental regulations for Kentucky farmers. Administrator Scott Pruitt told the Kentucky Farm Bureau's 98th Annual Meeting that the "Waters of the United States" regulation will be changed forever by mid-2018."

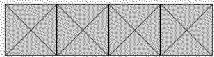
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**Finally, the West Kentucky Star reports that Pruitt denounced Obama's WOTUS.** "Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt found a friendly audience in Kentucky as he

lambasted an Obama-era clean-water rule. Pruitt told a Kentucky Farm Bureau audience on Thursday that the rule aimed at protecting small streams and wetlands from development and pollution was an example of federal overreach. He said the rule tried to redefine the Clean Water Act to cover puddles, dry creek beds and drainage ditches. President Donald Trump's environmental chief drew applause from the farm group as he said the rule is being 'fixed' and said a replacement rule is coming next year."

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